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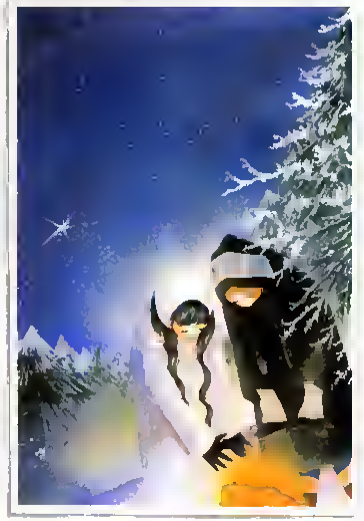

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★好きだから一緒にいられない…一緒にいると不幸にしてしまう…痛切の想いで大悟に別れを告げた杏。——あれから半年が過ぎ、進路問題に直面した杏だったが、いまも別れの痛みや想いを引きずったままでいた。そんな杏が前に進むためとった行動とは!? 現在、過去、未来をつなぐ恋の物語、第6巻!!

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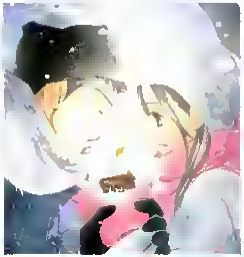

作者からのメッセージ

「潮騒」の取材で伊豆に行ったのですが…駅に着いてますクイックマッサージ、旅館で当然マッサージ、帰りにまたクイックマッサージ…。癒されました。

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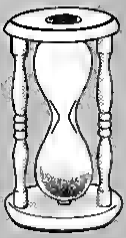

距離が、時が、理由ではなく、想いが二人を引き離す——。苦しみぬいて大悟と決別した杏は、時を経ても想いを引きずったまま、直面した進路問題に悩んでいた。そんな杏が前に進むために選んだ行動は…!?

登場人物紹介

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——18歳夏・潮騒(さいなつしおさい)——

Summer, 18 years old · Waves lapping the sand

Narasaki
Ayumu
This girl plays such an annoying part However, I think she is actually not a bad person at all. She is the kind that acts by instinct a little bit, that's all.

I can hear the sound of sand flowing smoothly
Close my eyes
For the first time
I only thought of things related to Fuji-kun only
In my mind
a warm feeling suddenly arises
When I open my eyes

Fuyu-kun
Huh—?
Uhm Ah
About the answer' for that thing last time
Ah, the Math quiz?
No, no, not that one
An still doesn't seem to understand it, right?
Let me explain it again
The thing, the thing last time
Last Christ-mas
Oh? It's from Asada-san I wonder what the call is about
Eh?
Hello
From Aoi-chan?
おめでとっ!!
Congratulation
About what?
キーン
Stop it don't fool around!!
Ha ha, you are always so shy

【通話中】
【通話先】
0 0 0 XXX
You two becoming a couple makes me so happy
Have you heard from Ann yet? "The answer for your love confession"
Asa-cha
That's good little boy
It has been three months since that Christmas night
After a long period of pondering I finally decide to go out with Fuyu-kun
Ah ha ha
Stop it it isn't a funny thing to laugh at that way

The new cellphone Ann has just bought
Fuji-kun must be excited, huh?
Nya nya
I was trying to say in a gentle way yet
now thanks to your big mouth
Isn't it great? I made it clear and brief
Ah ha ha ha
Yes
Well
Fuji-kun is the friend I made at Shimane in winter when I was 12 years old
He said...
He wil definitely be careful and protect me
Told you!
2-D
Through out the time I went out with Daido, he was always by my side
It must have brought him a lot of sadness
Maybe I should not show these pictures of Daigo
It's already over

So, all these things, one day
I had a lot of feelings for him
will turn into a sweet, gentle and warm memory
Definitely
Minase
I will give all of you back your previous test
He must be really busy

you are so lucky, going out with that Fuji-kun and having him tutor
The last summer in student life
3-A
18 years old
you are making a good progress, keep it up
it's great to have a boyfriend studying at K institute. What is more, he is in grade 11th only, so much time
love love
however
Addicted to Sonoda-kun" !?
what kind of disease is that?
Mid-chon
she also has a boyfriend from K
Why can't she be any better?
I really want to do something for her
It's really tiring looking at her in this condition
But what can we do ...
He studying in a specialized school
At least I want to breath in the same air in the same room with him !!
Since the beginning of the term, he almost has had no time for me
Even though I know that he's busy studying for exams...
"Symptoms of Addiction"

"Renting house for group study"?
Yeah we could study in group this summer holiday is that fine?
I could rent a villa in Izu resort in 4-5 days
Ah, how about this idea?
I bring the brochure here
We are going in group, so it cost 2000-3000 ¥ only for a day
There are also cheap motels
I used to go with my family before
"Villa" it must be expensive
There will be the summer sea calling, how can we concentrate ?
Don't ever argue with her
Sonoda-kun, let's go!!
I object
It is quiet there, the air is fresh as well, we will be able to focus on study

matter of life and death
You don't have to take care of me!! Breathing the same air in a room with you is enough for me!!
I will definitely not disturb your studying!!
the air?
Then we have to draw out the plan first
It is quite interesting after all
It's great isn't it Micchon
Then let's go
Is that so
He said so but he must be really nervous
so annoying
I'm going to the toilet
Do I have to ask for that?
Stop there!! Fuji-kun, where are you going!!
Let him go, he is not interested in group activities
especially travelling
Isn't it "the first travel with Ann-chan"?
Since he started going out with you
Why?
How about the end of July?
Ah, I think early August would be better
Me too

Like this!!
2F
WC
An-chan
Fuyu
Boys' room
Mucchan
Sonoda
Girl's room
Maybe
But this time we are going in group
Then, let's divide the rooms
Wait
Stop it already!! I can stay in same room with you!!
It is not that bad
I heard that Fuyu-kun is really shy
That's right he must even borrow the strength of the sea
At most he will kiss you
No Really!!
So annoying!
dirty mind
Eh
Wow!
Eh Eh EH!?
Thank you
No no no no
Really, really nothing at all
How could that be possible!! We really have nothing!!

カ
凶星。
.....
It's really unbelievable
It can't be
But
About that you two not kissing yet
I think you are telling the truth
The way you are trying to explain.
How long has it been since you started going out!?
4 months, isn't it!?
Eh
No matter what, it is really really slow
Fuji-kun is that type of guy?
So naive like that?
It must be that he said he would appreciate and protect Ann
It is not that
That's not the reason
To be able to go out with the girl he has secretly loved for a long time
Yet, to An-chan, he's only the "second boyfriend"
It's not "not do" but rather 'can not do", that's it
Especially in this situation

He must always keep thinking that "Will I be compared with the previous one?"
He must be so nervous
What?
Huh? Such things happen?
Fuji
Until now hasn't fallen in love with any other girl
Huh?
Fuji-kun really hasn't loved anyone before?
ガターン
So cute!!
So naive, so innocent
カワイーっ!!

He must be really angry
Ah, this isn't good.
Fu.
Fuu.
"He must be thinking that what if he is compared with the previous one"
Hey
Let's have a short chat in the park
Ah, ok!
Willing to
No please no
God, They really distract me
Hey

Yes!
In fact
I don't care too much about Daigo
No
Not really
Daigo has some traits that I can never acquire
And An was attracted by such traits
And there are many times I feel jealous of him
That's why I have always lacked the confidence
But, in the end, I realize one thing
I am myself, and I have changed my viewpoint

I'm happy that I can stay by your side
Right now
Fuyu-kun also
has good traits that Daigo doesn't have
Let's go back
That's all I wanted to say
it's embarrassing

I've also been thinking alot about Fuji-kun as well
I can list each one of them if you want to hear

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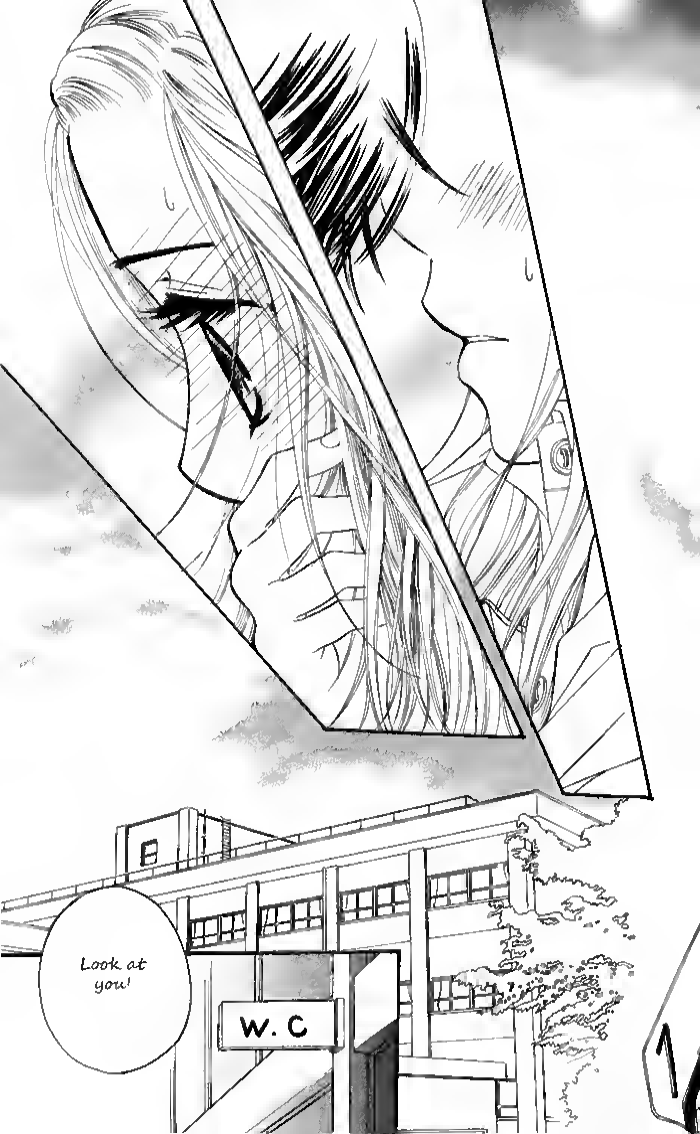
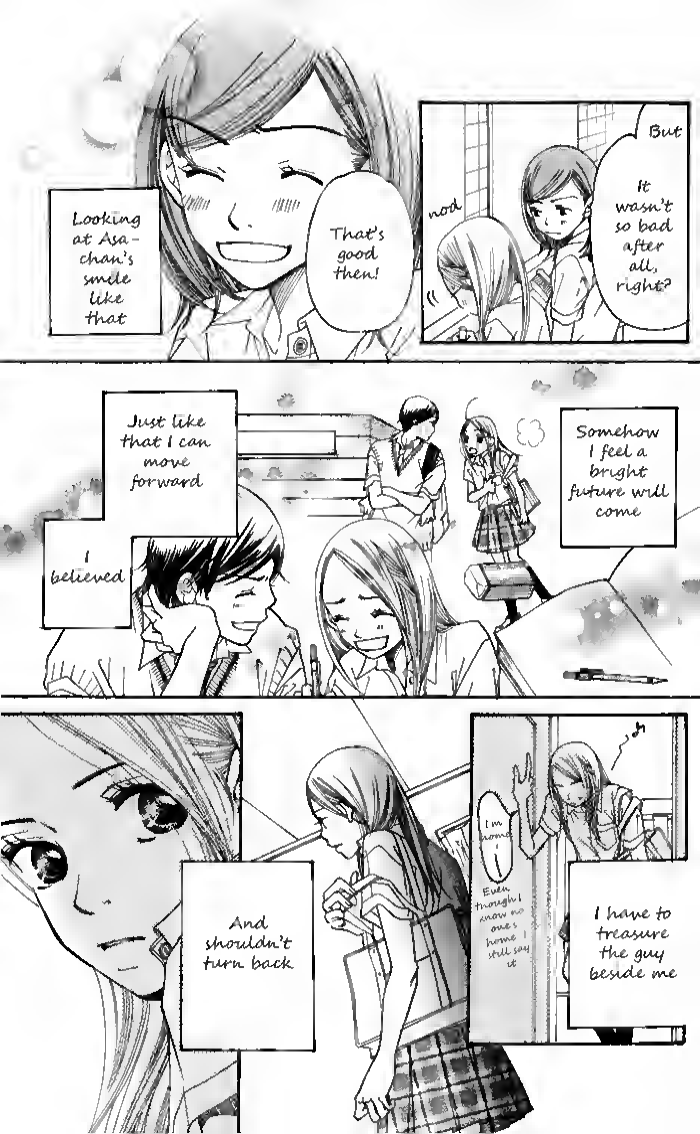
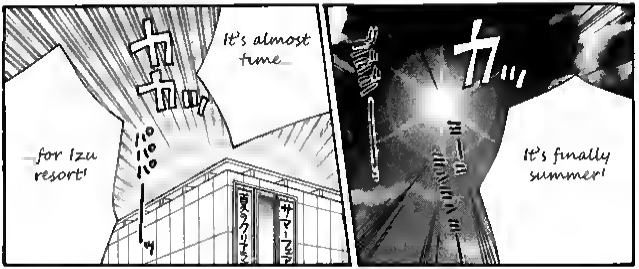
Uh...
...wah


Look at you!
W. C

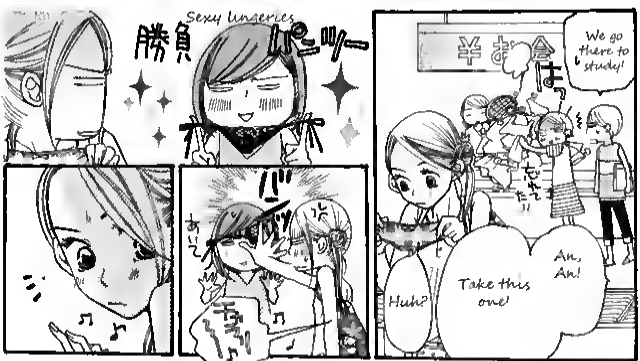
So
How was it?
IS everything written all over my face?
The first Kuss, one!! right?
You know how to take advantage, don't you!
Aki
Asa-chan!!!
Hah
Or is it
Something happened, right? You look happy since morning!
what ?
When he kissed me suddenly before.
whispering
I told you, didn't I?
Ah
That time was you guys first kiss
That's all?
Because
before I didn't like it.
It wasn't so bad..
Being with Fuyi-kun now..
what if I reject him if those times come again!?
To be honest, I'm very worried.
That time!
I didn't like it at all
Because I was kissed by someone-who-isn't-Daigo


Looking at Asa-chan's smile like that
That's good then!
nod
But
It wasn't so bad after all, right?
Just like that I can move forward
I believed
Somehow I feel a bright future will come
And shouldn't turn back
I'm home!
Even though I know no one's home I still say it
I have to treasure the guy beside me

End of semester
バイバーイ


カッ
It's almost time
for Izu resort!
ハーバー
サマーフェア
カッ
It's finally summer!

Shopping spree
♡
お会計
Ah
学習合宿。


Sexy lingeries
勝負
パニック
We go there to study!
Huh?
Take this one!
An, An!

Who!?
Hello, Suzu-chan! Long time no see!
My friend in Shimane!
Ah
Suzu-chan 090XXX
It's Suzu-chan!!
/////
Suzu-chan is one friend of mine in Shimane
An?
I'm in Tokyo right now
Eh?
No way!
haven't told my friends in Shimane about me and Fuji-kun yet
An-
Tomorrow?
sure we can meet!
I
This person
"I used to like Fuji-kun!!"
It seems
She used to like Fuji-kun a lot.

Well, please show me to these shops in this magazine!
Wah
Everyone here is so fashionable
I can be a tour guide!
Do you want to go somewhere?
So I came here to visit her this summer!
My sister came to Tokyo to work in a beauty salon
Cafe
Ah, An take the test for university, right?
I'm sorry-
Yes
to earn money to come here again next year!
I'll work hard
Shopping here is awesome
Ah-
I spent all of my money!
I brought all of my saving
You'll work right away after graduating right?
then come here to work
Don't worry!
I study hard everyday
for calling you out at a crucial time like this
even made you go shopping with me!

and
I have Fuyi-kun tutor me, so I am not so worried.
Fuyi-kun?
You two are still close, aren't you?
Ah
Oops
Talk about it
There's a rumour in Shimane recently
Kutamura always denied it
And there's no way it could be true, right?
Ah haha
It wasn't planning
that An
dumped Kutamura and went to Fuyi-kun
But not long ago
I agreed to go out with Fuyi kun.

Is that so
.....
I I used to like Fuyu-kun a lot
I'm sorry
I know that
Is that so
Thanks again
I had fun
Uhm say hello to your sister for me
and for friends in Shimane as well
And Naka-chan, Tomo-chan, also Ooki-kun.
An
You don't have to worry about everyone
Fuyu-kun has always liked An so you should treasure his feelings
Suzu-chan

Kitamura also has a new girlfriend.
...And
Eh?
Do you remember "Nara-saki-san" !?
Those two went out since half year ago
He goes to her room everyday with the reason of asking her tutoring him
But who knows what they do in there
Her body has also developed well
And guys are usually attracted by that
oops, I slipped my tounge

Please stand behind the white line
In fact
"Find a girl with less troubles than me"
I told him that myself
It's normal for Daijo to love someone else
The train is going into station

I have no right to blame him
But
I thought simply that he'll have a beautiful love with a girl I don't know
Your "treasure"
Narasaki-san!?
has it to be her?
Why...

"He goes to her house everyday"
Does Digo love her...
...the way he loves me?
"Who knows what they do in there"

I feel sick
……
う
Some-one
Some-one
ギュ〜ン
録音

えー?と
And the group from Machida
The group from Shinjuku gathers in front of the police station at West door at 9 o'clock
Ah? It's me!
We decided the time for the trip
Ah, then I'll call back later
Sorry, I'm at the train station so it's quite noisy here
It's ok, i'm moving right now
The train is going to enter line 2
What's wrong?
Eh? What?
I met Suzu-chan today
We went shopping
I hope the weather is nice that day
I look forward to that trip
I'm so stupid

Then why ...
Do I feel so hurt like this?
Pain, Confusion ...
And let go of his hands
what ever the reason is, it's still the love that I gave up
I want to for get eve ry- thing

うおおおおっ…
every-thing ends so I don't have to look back
Hopefully
北村 木佳
英語 72
数I 80
61
島根
Am I dreaming?
Is this really your result for pratice tests?
Amazing!
おお～っ
You guys looked down on me!
Don't you know i'm a genius?
はっはっはっ
Hahaha
Then…
You really came to Narasaki's house to study…
Here we thought you was lying
Of course. I told you there's nothing between her and I
don't make things up
but

You have call from Narasaki-san
What's that?
That's right!
A guy and a girl alone in a same room it's hard to think something wasn't happening
Dago
Suzuki met An-chan in Tokyo not long ago, right?
How is she doing?
He's so secretive
Was it because of An-chan as well?
everything is a mess
I'm terrible...
When I heard about her and Fuji kun...
I just
because I lied to An
後悔。

～18歳夏 潮騒～のコト

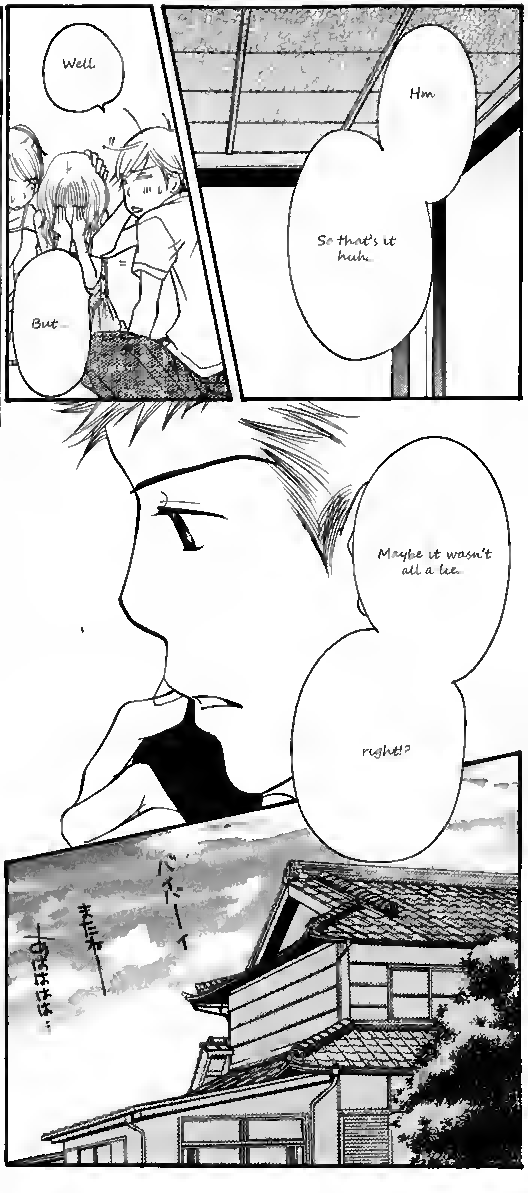
6巻です。
この巻も また「夏」と「冬」の
お話。
「春」と「秋」は何処へ…！

-☆-

Betsucomiの HPにも
書いたけど この話 描く際に
一応 伊豆に 取材旅行へ
行きました。
私は やりと雨女で でも最近
そんなでもないから 大丈夫！
と思ってたら、当日朝から雨
でした。翌日からは台風に。
なので
作中 出てくる 遊覧船に
私は乗れてません。
乗りたかった。

-☆-

泳ぐのは 苦手なので
(すぐか 5分もう泳げない。)
海に 入りたくは ないんだけど
ボケーっと 海を ながめて
るのは 好きです。
ボケーっと。



To Narasaki's house?
Yes I forgot my materials there
Give me a lift please!
Ooku!
What?
I.
Narasaki talked to me last time
She said if you don't have any feelings for her then you can tell her clearly
You're not the playboy type right?
I think so
I'm not lying!
Look at the road while driving!
Alright, so look ahead!
The one who always look back is you!
Until when will you make up your mind huh!?

Act as a man!
That's enough!
I'll walk.
You.
— don't act like a man at all!
Since you broke up with An-chan
You are always running away!
She already found a new path

An-chan
is dating Fuyi-kun
But I don't want to be too bold.
I want to wear something sexy

Yes, there's no one today at home
Your brother isn't home today?
Coming
勝負、見送り。
ピンポーン…
あだしは おらんよー。
Geez, brother
Wait!
Why?
Your brother threated me that I can't come in when no one else's home.
I don't want to die yet
Ah then, I'll come back later

Stop running away!

I know it myself
..am a weakling
I...
Forget-ting her in a year
it's not that easy
So what if you're a "weakl-ing?"
But there's no other way!

If you're always weak then you're not fit to be a man
But if it's just occasionally you feel weak
I think it's alright
It's ok to be weak
Whatever people say
Even if you still like her
Please let me.

share the pain with you!
Drift away

Drift away to somewhere
It's still better than standing here
Ah
it's the ocean ♡
A villa!!
There's a grill
Fresh sea-food
ピチピチ
調達
hot spring
温泉
Water in the bath comes from the hot spring

Vacation !!!
No it's not!!!
Didn't the pratice test result come yesterday?
If we don't study hard while going on vacation, the result will fall down.
No!
Do you need my help?

girls' room
you chicken-head!
Am <3 Fuji-kun
女子部屋 girls' room
And here we prepared for both of you.
Micchon Somoda's room
睡眠学習中。
Somehow
3日め
AM 7:00 起床
ラジオ体操
AM 9:00 ～
4日め
AM 7:00 起床
マラソン
AM 9:00 ～
5日め
AM 10:00 発
帰る
There's only 1 day left I wonder what can we play
geez these K students
Mic-chan
There's exactly 1 day left
5 days and 4 nights passed so fast we have to get back the day after tomorrow

I'll wake up late, and after lunch
Two of us will go to the beach
I planned it since the beginning
Tomorrow
世話女房。
Are you going to study all night?
What time should I wake you up tomorrow?
Sonoda-kun!
do you want to eat anything?
Can you come here for a second?
Prince
Sonoda-kun
♡
When I enter good university, and later a good company, I swear I'll bring you happiness
I'm sorry because I've not paid attentions to you lately
I want to go sightseeing a bit
Where?
Ah!
that we decided to not to study today
Because of that idiot couple
Oh, well!
やった
To the beach! the beach!
Play to your heart's content
That's why

See you later!
Both of you can go separate from us!
Just come back in the evening!
Asa-chan
奇遊覽船
Because her love story goes smoothly
that's why she wants to take care of me as well.
Asa-chan is a really good friend!
She's whole-heartedly worried about you!
I can understand just from looking

I didn't like her in the beginning
actually kinda hate
I didn't expect you to say
Something like that
Actually, the whole Sonoda's group
Friends, and relationships between people and people
I thought everything is just too complicated
But
Since dating you, everything's changed
Everything
is different now

They're going to kiss~~~
Ahh~~~
Fuyu-kun!
I'm going up there for a but
I didn't know he likes kids

From this height, it should still be intact
From here
ゴ…

It will sink down in the ocean
In just a flick
"I..."

Is that ok?
"will stay by your side"
"Al-ways"

It's ok
Because I already have Fuji-kun by my side
so I don't need this anymore

ゴオオ…
Bye bye
Daigo

kya-
Ah...
Urgh, I'm all wet~
Sorry but can I take a shower first?
I don't feel good
Eh, everyone's not back yet?
Suddenly it rains so hard
I'm cold
Shower huh.
Mail
From Asada
startled me
朝田
ピッ
ピッ
ピッ

Everyone is in the train back to Tokyo now
We have presents in the drawer
Take care
From your Asa-chan
きゃ〜
kya

Asada !!!
Oh my god, where are everyone's luggages?!

Fu.
Mucchon's phone as well
Hello, Asa-chan!?
Gah- I can't get to her!!
No
They-
What is it you think funny!?
I think while we were having fun on boat
They suddenly thought about this and changed the plan
I bet they had troubles exchange the tickets
Collected their luggages and headed to the station
According to plan, everyone will leave tomorrow, they also have the tickets
But until the last day
Especially that Sonoda-kun's couple
I think they just thought about this plan today
Err?

ピッ
①ダイヤ検索
②
③
Moreover
It's so funny
あはは
Aha ha
If we hurry, we can leave for the last train to Tokyo
Let's be optimistic!
Eh
What should we do?

Actually
To me
This is lucky!!

I couldn't say "No"
Simply because I couldn't find the reason to object
because he treasures me
Fuji-kun

There are a lot of empty rooms
It isn't our Fujikun but
Maybe I should move in one of them
きゅっ
Am I..
being swept into this?
フォオオ…
フォオオ…
The sound of the ocean
keeps echo in my head
vaguely
フォオオ…ニ…
I thought it was the sound of rain
but it's the ocean …
Amazing sound.

And I am swept by its power

Eh?
The light!
Turn off the light!
Sor...
I'm sorry, Fuji-kun...
Calm down
So nervous
Ah bright
following my heart
I'm
I like Fuji-kun

I like him a lot
More than every-thing
More than every-thing
Is it true?

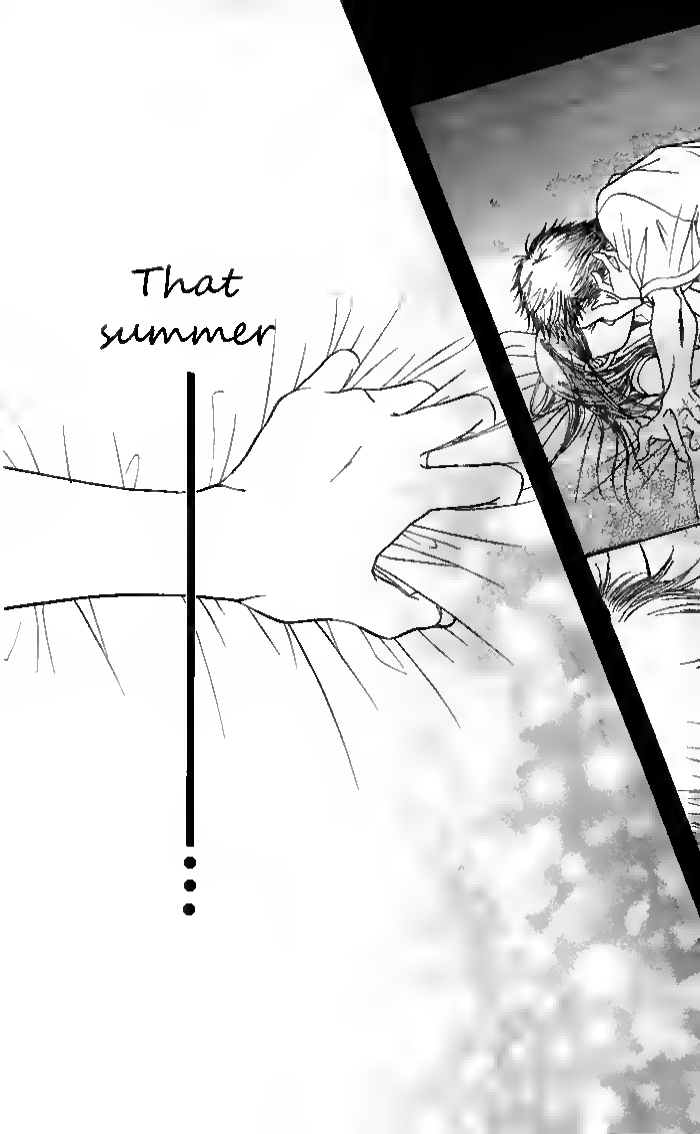
It's not be-cause
that I want to forget Daigo, right?

I'm
sorry,
Fuji-kun
I...

An
As expected
I couldn't say No
"Always coming to her house"
"I've always loved you"

Very lonely
I'm very lonely right now
Simply because
Fuji-kun's
lip and hands
shyly blow into my skin a tinder love affection
However, when I close my eyes
That summer keeps appearing before me

In that
formed
house
I thought
that I
will love
Daigo
forever


That
summer

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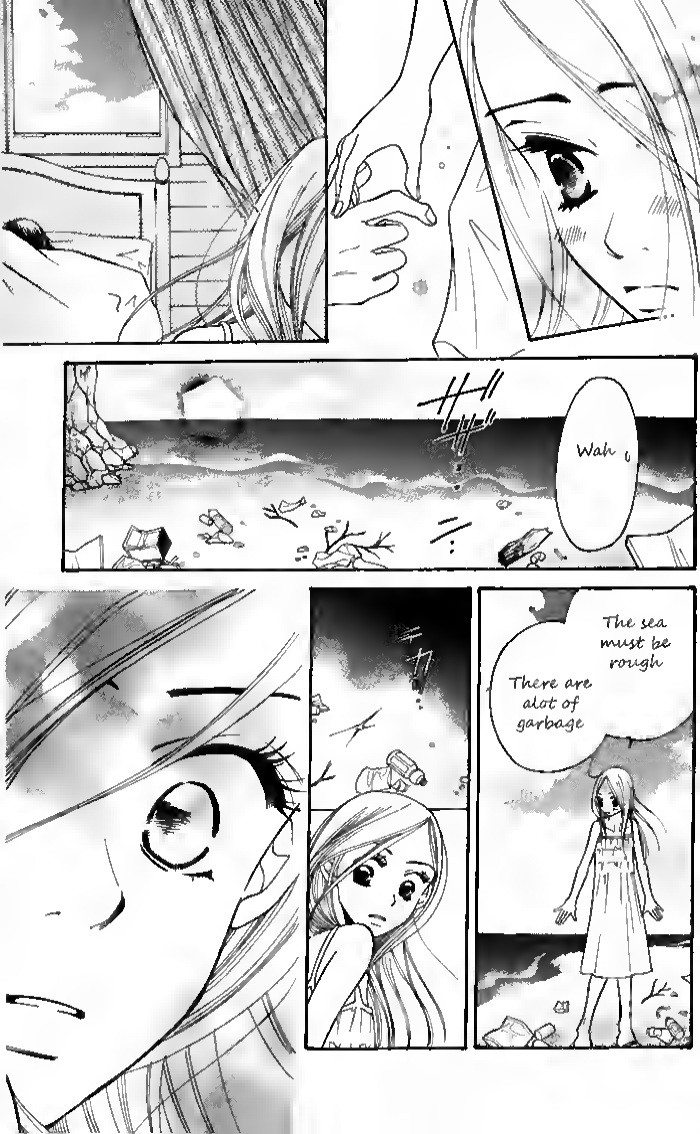
Wah
The sea must be rough
There are alot of garbage

N
No way
what ...
It was swept here by oceans waves?
am I expecting?
unbelievable
not even a scratch

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however
I am also trying my best to get out of that hole
I am taking advantage of the one that I shouldn't the most

Summer
of 18
years old
Deep in my heart
there's a broken
sound.

Kuroki Kaede
She's a doctor. The first time she appeared is in the autumn, that's why I named her Kaede (it means maple). An is more and more influenced by her.

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Winter 18 years old
The first star

THIS SAND
CHRONICLE
IS YOUR
EVERYTHING

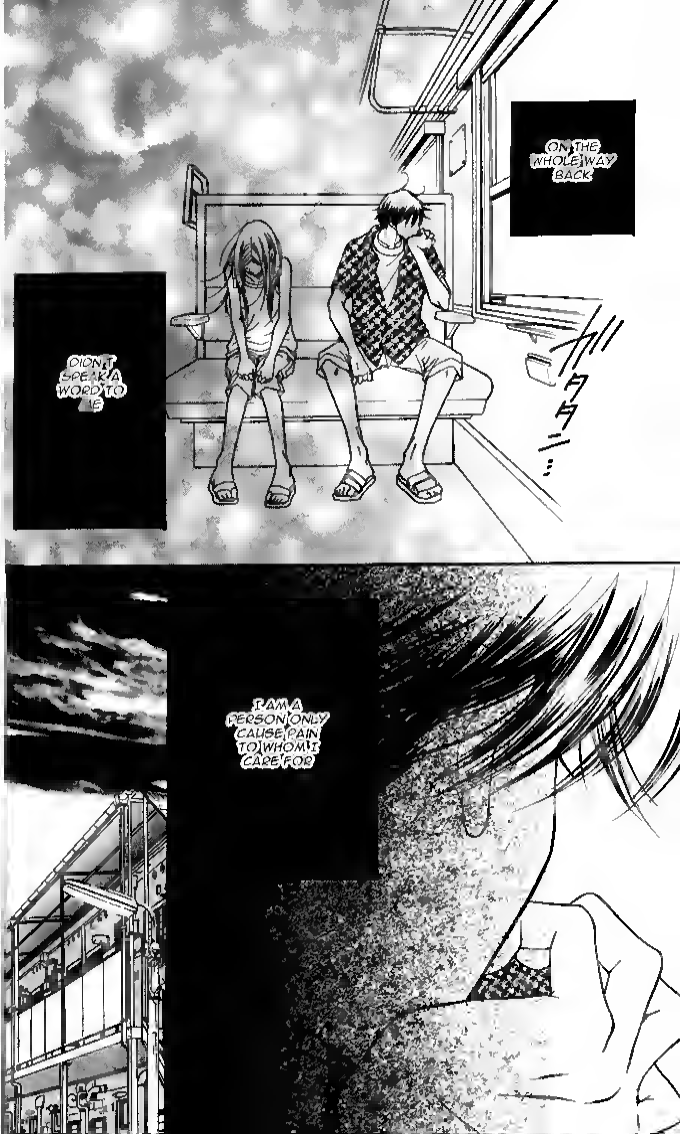
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU RUN AWAY
IT WILL THEN COME BACK TO YOU

FUJI-KUN...!
MISUN
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!
I THREW IT AWAY BUT THE WAVES...
YOU

SAID YOU DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE RIGHT?
!
NO!!

I'M SORRY
I-

...CAN'T REPLACE
...DAIGO
FUMI-KUN


ON THE WHOLE WAY BACK
DIDN'T SPEAK A WORD TO ME
I AM A PERSON ONLY CAUSE PAIN TO WHOM I CARE FOR

FU...
FUJI-KUN...
WELL THEN
.....
I'LL CALL YOU LATER
"DEFI-NITELY I'LL CALL YOU"
EVEN THESE WORDS
REMIND ME
OF DAIGO
ゴッ

I HATE MY-SELF

TSUKISHIMA
080XXXX
Call Off Already?
A CALL FROM HOME
ポーン
ごろん
FUJI-KUN
YOUR MOTHER'S ON THE PHONE-
ガチャッ
まいり
HELLO?
Noon
DID YOU TURN OFF YOUR PHONE JUST NOW?
I COULDN'T MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU AT ALL!
AH- I WENT TRAVELING
SCHOOL GROUP TRAVELING
my first time abroad
TRAVELING?

8月
OH WELL
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR OBON!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU'LL HAVE TO COME BACK
ARGH~
Often think.
I'M NOT INTERESTED
CAN I NOT COME BACK?
OF COURSE! YOU'RE THE ELDEST SON OF THE FAMILY!
ALSO~
I NEED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ABOUT SHIIKA
He making me having headache
YOU SHOULD RETURN SOON

HAH!?
OVERSEA STUDY!?
SHIMANE
I COULDN'T STOP HER
DID YOU DISCUSS IT WITH HER?
WHATEVER I SAID, SHE JUST SAID "NO MATTER WHAT I'LL GO"
Mats
SHIIKA?
WHY SO SUDDENLY
ISN'T IT SHE JUST SAID "I WANT TO GO"
SHE USED TO BE AN OBEDIENT KID
BUT RECENTLY I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING

ガラー…
CAN
HMPH
BROTHER ?
WELCOME HOME —
You come back early
SHIIKA? I'M COMING IN
CANADA HUH
Sounds good
CANADA
OUR UNCLE IN KYOTO USED TO LIVE THERE, RIGHT?
HE TOLD US MANY STORIES ABOUT THAT COUNTRY, SO I THINK WANT TO GO THERE
I ALREADY CHOOSE A HIGH-SCHOOL
I JUST NEED TO FIND A HOME-STAY—
REASON?
THERE IS, ISN'T THERE?
IS IT "WANTING TO ESCAPE THIS HOUSE" ?
BUT IF YOU DON'T GIVE A GOOD REASON, IT'S HARD TO ACCEPT

I...
DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CONFIDENCE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU
IT'S FINE JUST SAY EVERYTHING'S ON YOUR MIND
THERE IS, RIGHT?
EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING IN YOUR HEART
SAY THEM ALL OUT
YOU
SHOULDN'T SUFFER ALONE
IT'S ALRIGHT

MOTHER
I KNOW EVERY-THING
ABOUT THIS HOUSE'S SECRET
I AM THE ILLEGITIMATED CHILD BETWEEN YOU AND THAT MAN
Don't write to me anymore
I don't want to acknowledge this child
I AM NOT THE CHILD YOU HOPE TO BEAR
The child of you and me
Her name is SHIHO
I READ
THE LETTER YOU SENT TO TAKASUGI KYOICHI
7 YEARS AGO

I'M NOT TRYING TO BLAME YOU
YOU'RE THE KID I HOPED TO BEAR...
I...
I'M BECOMING MORE FEEBLE
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I CANNOT REASSURE MYSELF
HOPING SOMEONE WOULD RESCUE ME
BUT COULDN'T
I THREW THAT UNSTABLE FEELING INTO MY BEST FRIEND
AND HURT HER

I...
ALREADY CANNOT FORGIVE MYSELF
I WANT TO CHANGE
BUT SOMEHOW I CAN'T FIND THE WAY
IT'S LIKE I'M RUNNING AWAY
FOR ONCE
I WANT TO LEAVE THIS HOUSE
THE TRUTH IS...
I'VE BEEN FEELING INSUFFOCATED EVER SINCE I WAS SMALL
PLEASE

LEAVE THIS HOUSE
LET ME
I MADE MOTHER CRY
OK
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I CAN SOMEHOW IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS AFTER READING HIS LETTER
YOU WANT TO GO SEE HIM? HE'S NOT A KIND YOU WANT TO MEET
Don't expect anything from him
I'm not expecting anything from him
TELL ME THE ADDRESS OF TAKASUGI KYOICHI
EH?
It would be big troubles if I was you
BECAUSE SHE'S IN POSITION OF CANNOT COMPLAIN EVEN IF SOMEONE BEATS HER
IT'S FINE IT WAS JUST CRYING
TO BE HONEST
I DON'T WANT TO MEET HIM RIGHT AWAY
I DON'T FEEL ANY CONNECTIONS WITH HIM EVEN THOUGH HE'S MY REAL FATHER
AND I'M NOT STUPID TO MEET HIM AND BE HURT AGAIN
BUT
WHAT IF SOMEDAY I WANT TO MEET HIM?
JUST IN CASE
WELL
I'LL GIVE YOU WHEN THAT TIME COMES
東京都
EH?
IF YOU ABSOLUTELY WANT TO GO MEET HIM
I'LL DEFINITELY COME WITH YOU
IS THAT ALRIGHT?

EH? I
BROTHER
YOU'VE CHANGED
BEFORE YOU WOULDN'T CARE FOR OTHERS PROBLEMS
NOW YOU ARE SOFTER
IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
THE ONE CHANGED YOU...
...FOR EXAMPLE
IS "AN-CHAN" ISN'T IT?

UHM
IT'S TROUBLE-SOME, ISN'T IT
BUT
PROBABLY
IF I BECAME A BETTER MAN AND COULD GET HER ATTENTIONS
THEN I WOULD DO MY BEST
IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT
BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THE SAME SITUATION
YOU KNOW IT BEST, DON'T YOU?

BRIDE (-)
23 19
LIBRARY
WHAT KIND OF BOOKS ARE THIS LIBRARY COLLECTING?
"CANADA" "CANADA"
THERE ISN'T MUCH—
GRR

WHY
DON'T THE RESULTS MATCH?
OR IS THE ANSWER SOLUTION WRONG?
BON HUH (*)
STOP SITTING DOWN WHEREVER YOU WANT
NO? THERE'S NO OTHER EMPTY SEAT LEFT
SOME-ONE SITS THERE ALREADY
"ADDI-TION" ME-THOD
WRONG THE FIRST LINE 2+3 = 6 ??
EH?
IT'S 5

(*) HE MEANS FUJI CAME BACK FOR BON FESTIVAL

I
That's right. But after the results aren't matched
I CAN'T GET IT DONE~
LOST TO THIS IDIOT

LEAVE ME ALONE AS LONG AS MY STUDY RESULT IS GETTING BETTER!!
FAIL FOR SURE YOU CAN'T EVEN MANAGE TO DO ADDITION RIGHT
"S UNIVERSITY"?
Why was I so careless!!
S大学

KITAMURA~
HAH?
I AM EVEN BETTER IN MATERIAL CONDITIONS

AH-
YOU'RE BACK FOR VISITTING?
YOU WAS IN JUDO CLUB
EH?
AH?
IT'S TSUKISHIMA-KUN

IS THIS YOUR SEAT?
AH- IT'S FINE IT'S FINE YOU GUYS ARE TALKING RIGHT I'LL FIND OTHER SEAT
EH?
POS-SIBLY
YOU GUYS ARE DATING?
UHM
WHAT'S WITH "UHM"- YOU
SHE WAS THE ONE AT THE SUMMER CAMP WASN'T SHE—
who almost killed An
THERE'RE PLENTY GIRLS, WHY THAT GIRL?
In An's position...
I SHOULD BE THE ONE ASKING YOU THAT
YOU ARE DATING, RIGHT?
WITH AN
I JUST CAN'T UNDER-STAND
THERE'RE PLENTY OTHERS WHY YOU?

I'M BOILING WITH ANGER
YOU ARE ANGRY, AREN'T YOU?
YOU KNEW?
YOU KNOW RUMORS USUALLY SPREAD FAST
THAT
HMPH
BUT
...
MAYBE
THAT MIGHT BE GOOD
YOU WON'T MAKE AN CRY LIKE I DO
THERE'S PROBABLY NO ONE FITS AN BETTER THAN YOU

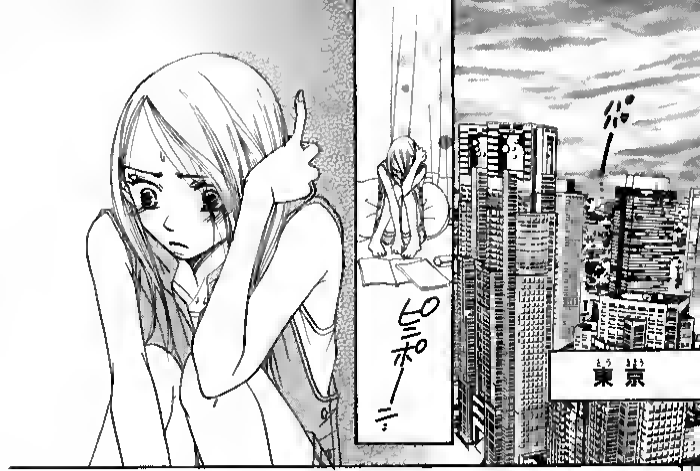
I
ABOUT AN'S PROBLEMS
ONLY BELIEVE IN YOU
SHUT UP
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER
.....

ANYWAYS
FROM BEFORE
YOU AREN'T AN'S "NUMBER ONE" ANYMORE
I KNOW
DON'T...
I'M ANGRY
TALK LIKE IT'S YOUR PROBLEM ANYMORE

I
AN'S NUMBER ONE
ISN'T ME
SUMMER
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO END EVERYTHING WITHOUT HAVING TO SAY GOODBYE OR IS IT BETTER TO SAY IT OR WILL IT CHANGE ANYTHING AT ALL?
SINCE SEPARATING AN, I KEEP REGRETTING
I KEEP ASKING MYSELF WHAT IF
I KEEP ASKING MYSELF WHY DO THEY LEAD BACK TO THIS RESULT
BUT, EVERY WAY LEADS BACK TO THE CURRENT RESULT
THEN I REALIZED EVERYTHING HAS STARTED SINCE THE WINTER 10 YEARS OLD
IT IS "HER MOTHER"

NO MATTER WHAT, I JUST CANNOT WIN OVER "HER MOTHER"
HER MOTHER DIED THAT WAY
IT'S OBVIOUSLY HARD TO GET OVER IT
SHE ALWAYS FEELS INSECURE
BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS SORROW-FUL
SO IF YOU TELL ME JUST TO WATCH OVER HER
I JUST CAN'T DO IT
I JUST WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR HER
I WOULD HURT HER
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I REPEAT IT
I WOULD STILL MAKE HER CRY
IT WOULD JUST BE AN INFINITE CIRCLE

HOW CAN I COMPETE WITH THAT
WITH A DEAD PERSON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LONG TIME NO SEE
AHH-
FOR OBON
YOU CAME BACK TO SHIMANE?
I ALSO MET DAIGO
FUJI-KU
SOUVE-NIRS
THEY ARE QUITE HARD
WE HAVE A LOT SO MY FAMILY FORCED ME TO BRING HERE
They are maybe candies

I
EVEN IF I AM THE 2ND PERSON
OR THE 3RD PERSON
IT'S FINE
THAT'S WHY
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM
FUJI-KU
IT'S ALRIGHT

ALWAYS
MY FEEBLE HURTS SOME-ONE
WHERE DOES THIS FEEBLE COME FROM?
BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND THE ANSWER
I'VE BEEN ASKING THIS MYSELF
FOR SO MANY YEARS
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM
IT'S ALL LIES

～18歳冬・一番星～のコト…？

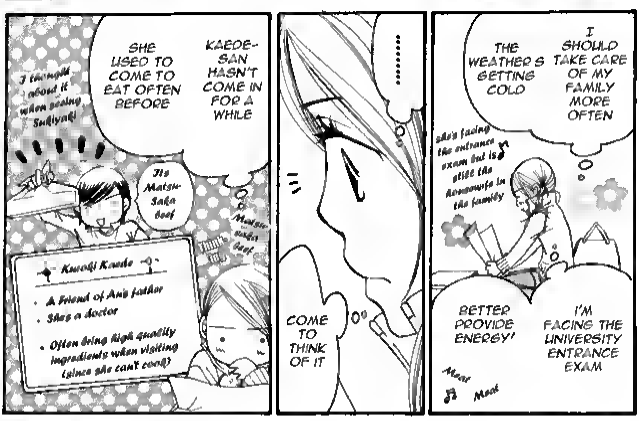
このシリーズが始まる直前に
カナダに木のうを みに行って。
その時のことを再利用。
私はちゃんと木のう見ました。
-30°Cというのを 初めて体験
したのだけれど「寒い」っていうより
"痛い"んですね。
耳あて 無しでは

30m先の マックにも たどり着け
ませんでした。
凍った湖の上に 立ってると
足元から ピシーッ ピシーッと
氷の割れる音が。
はぁー こんな音がするのかと
いちいち一人で 感動してました。
一方
カナダで ホームステイしていた
友人に 写真を いっぱい借りた
のに 結局 ほとんど
使っておらず
ごめんよ ちえちゃん!!
(名指し。)

HIDING FROM REALITY
現実逃避
I TALKED ON THE PHONE WHOLE LAST NIGHT WITH ASA-CHAN
What would become of us after graduation...
FREE, AREN'T YOU? WHY DIDN'T YOU STUDY FOR ENGLISH VOCAB INSTEAD?
Is that a torture?
ふ?
YOU GOT QUESTION 5 WRONG
EH? CAN'T BE
AN'S ALWAYS DELUDED BY THIS TYPE OF QUESTIONS
You have to be more suspicious
FROM NOW ON
IT WOULD BE NICE IF I CAN KEEP BEING SPOILED LIKE THIS
JEEZ- WAIT FOR ME-
It's because I thought it differently
Eh?
Eiri
FUJI-KUN IS STILL NICE LIKE ALWAYS

FUJI-KUN
SINCE THAT DAY
HASN'T TOUCHED ME
IN BETWEEN US ARE VARIOUS PROBLEMS
AN, CAN I COME IN FOR A SECOND?
I WANT TO TALK
カラ!
WHAT IS THIS, DAD?
AH~ ARE YOU STUDYING?
LET'S TALK LATER THEN
ahm...
study properly
your studying is more important

THE BIG CHANGES HAPPENED TO MY CLOSE PEOPLE
I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL
THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE
THERE HAD BEEN LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENED TO ME
さかさ。
UNTIL THIS DAY
SUKIYAKI HUH
ABO スーパー
すき焼きに!!
大特価
国産牛肉
490 円


I thought about it when seeing Sukiyaki
SHE USED TO COME TO EAT OFTEN BEFORE
KAEDE-SAN HASN'T COME IN FOR A WHILE
Its Matsu-Saka beef
Matsu-saka beef
Kuroiji Kaede
• A Friend of Aoi's father
• She's a doctor
• Often bring high quality ingredients when visiting (since she can't cook)
COME TO THINK OF IT
THE WEATHER'S GETTING COLD
I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF MY FAMILY MORE OFTEN
she's facing the entrance exam but is still the housewife in the family
BETTER PROVIDE ENERGY!
I'M FACING THE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM
Meat
Meat

I WANTED TO INVITE HER TO COME EAT SUKIYAKI
unlucky
And asking her for help in homework
AIYA
KAEDE-SAN ISN'T HOME...
probably still at the hospital
401
KUROKI
DADP
...AND
AH
KAEDE-SAN
lucky ♪
THAT'S
WHY

WHAT?
I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD SEPARATE
I'M SERIOUS
ええ
え〜〜っ
JUST BECAUSE OF THAT?
AND I WON'T DISTURB MINASE-KUN ANYMORE
SO LET'S SEPARATE!
NO, NO, I DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE IMAGING
ABOUT THIS CHILD, I CAN BRING UP ALONE
ARE THEY DATING?
and now separating?
IT'S TRUE THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS GOOD, AND BOTH ARE SINGLE, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM
Still Dad isn't young

KAEDE!
ガタッ
AN
AN-CHAN
カチーン
FROZEN
A
AN!?
ピーポーピーポー…
ばたっ
EMER
CALL EMERGENCY!!
WAKE UP!!
病院
I'M REALLY
SORRY!!

I...
WANTED TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR RELA-TIONSHIP
SINCE WHEN?
MAYBE THIS...
UNTIL THAT TIME...
YOU'RE GOING TO BE INDEPENDENT AND WILL GET MARRIED SOME DAY...
AN IS ALSO AN ADULT NOW...
EH...
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN INLOVE?
THESE 1-2 YEARS
BUT IT'S OFFICIAL SINCE THIS YEAR'S BEGINNING
EVER SINCE

THE WINTER OF 10TH GRADE
I'VE BEEN INLOVE WITH YOU
BUT IT'S AN ONE-SIDE LOVE
NO WAY!! I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS!!
I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU!!
WHY didn't you tell!!! me!?
KAEDE
DAD
ANYWAYS
I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE OR MARRY ME
I'LL GO
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"YOUR FIRST LOVE" YOU TOLD ME BEFORE, IT IS MY DAD ISN'T IT...
to be honest I'm surprise
I'VE NEVER REALIZED
Hello, so dad was quite popular?
OF COURSE IT IS
IT'S NOT THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN INLOVED EVER SINCE
I WAS INLOVE FOR A FEW TIMES
BUT I STILL AM ATTACHED WITH
THIS FIRST LOVE
AND HERE I THOUGHT I'M AN ADULT NOW
IT'S TERRIBLE
A doctor shouldn't be like this
SOMEHOW I THINK IT'S ALL DAD'S FAULT SOMEHOW IT'S ANNOYING URGH
Ah...unbelievable...
I'M REALLY SORRY
BUT I WANT TO GIVE BIRTH TO THIS CHILD

I KNOW SAYING THAT IS SELFISH
BUT... THIS MIGHT BE MY LAST CHANCE TO GIVE BIRTH IF YOU THINK ABOUT MY AGE
ALSO THIS CHILD IS WITH THE ONE I LOVE
I WANT TO GIVE BIRTH
I WILL BRING IT UP ALONE
THAT'S WHY I'M REALLY SORRY
WHAT ABOUT YOUR JOB?
OF COURSE I'LL COME BACK TO WORK SOON!
CAN YOU DO THEM BOTH?
KAEDE-SAN DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DO HOUSEWORKS RIGHT?
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE HOW KAEDE-SAN WILL COOK FOR THE CHILD
YOU SHOULD GET MARRIED
.....

IT'S BETTER FOR THIS CHILD TO HAVE BOTH PARENTS
DIDN'T DAD SAY SO TOO?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME
IT'S WRONG
THE TRUTH IS...
EH?
OF MIWAKO-SAN, YOUR MOTHER
I'M AFRAID

YOUR MOTHER
TOLD ME THAT
IN THE WINTER OF FRESHMAN IN UNIVERSITY THE FIRST TIME WE MET
"LOOK"
"THE FIRST STAR"
I
WAS SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO MEET MINASE-KUN AGAIN AFTER A LONG TIME
IN THE UNIVERSITY'S GROUP MEETING
No way!!Ra? Minase-kun!
"WELL"
"SHE'S REALLY CUTE!!"
"HEH- FROM SHIMANE?"
BUT THEN HE CAME WITH MIWAKO-SAN TO INTRODUCE WITH EVERYONE
"EH? MANASE'S GIRL-FRIEND!?"
seriously!?
SHE LOOKED AS SWEET AS A SUGAR CANDY

AH- SO THAT'S IT- SO HE LIKES THAT TYPE OF GIRLS
I FELT SAD WHILE THINKING LIKE THAT
TOTALLY OPPOSITE WITH ME
Kyo-
Aaaaa
Yuu, stupid!
"LOOK, THE FIRST STAR"

"YOU STILL ARE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE STARS IN TOKYO RIGHT"
"I'M GLAD"
ANYWAYS, SHE WAS A FINE WOMAN
MAYBE
YOUR MOTHER DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME
HUDDLING IN THE CORNER OF THAT BAR
EVEN THOUGH IT'S OUR FIRST MET
I just don't know who arranged it
YOU KNOW I
STUDIED HARDER THAN OTHERS WAS BECAUSE OF MYSELF
I PLACED THINGS I WANT TO DO BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE
IN THE OPPOSITE
YOUR MOTHER IS ALWAYS SENSITIVE TO OTHERS' FEELINGS
AND ALWAYS CARES FOR OTHERS

MINASE-KUN
LOOKED AT HER WITH SUCH PASSIONATE EYES
THAT IMAGE IS STILL IMPRINTED IN MY HEART
THOSE TWO
GOT SEPARATE WASN'T BECAUSE THEY HATE EACH OTHER
THAT'S WHY I'M AFRAID
HE'LL COMPARE US
EVEN THOUGH I'M OLD I'M STILL CHILDISH, AREN'T I?
I
WHEN I WAS YOUNGER I ALWAYS THOUGHT DAD IS MORE FEEBLE THAN MOTHER
DAD
WON'T COMPARE

BUT WHEN OUR FAMILY HAD PROBLEM
THE FIRST ONE TO COLLAPSE WAS MOM
WHILE DAD FROM THE BEGINNING TILL THE END WOULDN'T COMPLAIN A SINGLE WORD
MOM ALWAYS SMILED
WHILE DAD USUALLY LOOKED NAIVE AND UNRELIABLE
HER SPIRIT WAS HIGH AND STRONG
DAD ISN'T SOMEONE WHO WOULD CHOOSE ANYONE JUST BECAUSE HE'S LONELY
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD BE MORE CONFIDENT
ISN'T LIKE ME...
DAD

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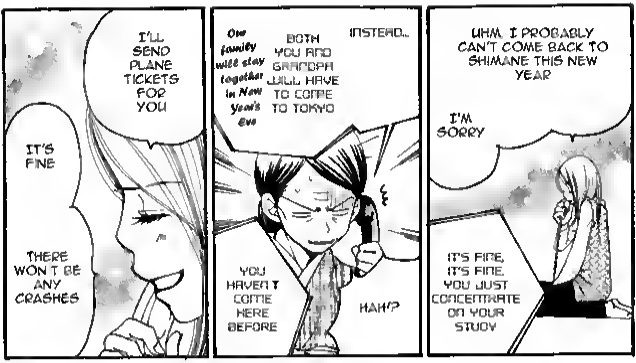
EVERYONE IS SLOWLY PUTTING MOM TO THE "PAST"
HELLO, GRANDMA?
UHM, I
DECEMBER
12
THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING


UHM. I PROBABLY CAN'T COME BACK TO SHIMANE THIS NEW YEAR
I'M SORRY
IT'S FINE. IT'S FINE. YOU JUST CONCENTRATE ON YOUR STUDY
INSTEAD...
BOTH YOU AND GRANDPA WILL HAVE TO COME TO TOKYO
One family will stay together in New Year's Eve
HAH!?
YOU HAVEN'T COME HERE BEFORE
I'LL SEND PLANE TICKETS FOR YOU
IT'S FINE
THERE WON'T BE ANY CRASHES

I WANT TO SEE YOU
UHM
WELL...
THERE'S THIS ONE THING
DON
DON'T GET ANGRY AFTER HEARING THIS...
WHAT IS IT?
カッチーン
正装
ピッ

"KINEDE-SAN"... IS SHE THAT DOCTOR?

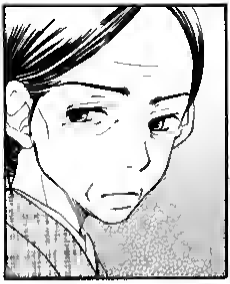
IT'S UNEXPECTED

THAT SHE WOULD AGREE COMFORTABLY

BE GOOD TO HER

BEFORE DAD'S MARRIAGE

GRANDMA WAS ANGRY



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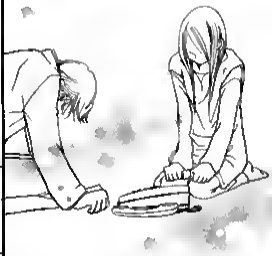


SOMEHOW
IT'S JUST UNEXPECTED
I WONDER
I WONDER
I WONDER
I WONDER
YOUR DAD IS AMAZING!
I wonder if I will have a brother or sister
ISN'T IT?
I WAS ALSO SURPRISED
THIS BRAND IS EXPENSIVE
Don't return it to me!?
Different view in value
THEN
THIS IS FROM ME
JUST A SMALL ONE
IT'S BRACELET
So cute
IT'S JUST A CHEAP ONE
Haha
Isn't it good?
HE GAVE ME A CHRISTMAS PRESENT
A mini cat
THEN, THIS IS FROM ME

IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE LAST CHRISTMAS HUH
IT'S FAST, ISN'T IT?
Well obvious
Hm
AND EVERYONE THREW A CHRISTMAS P RTY TOGETHER
A watch
AA, it's ones with cute earing
I found it in an antique shop
I thought Fuji-kun might like

"I WILL THINK MORE SERIOUS ABOUT FUJI-KUN"

KYA
IT'S COLD~
Warm me up
THEN
SEE YOU AGAIN IN NEW YEAR
I'll leave for Shimane tomorrow
WHM
I'LL WRITE MAILS
AND
ALSO
THIS

To: Ms.
IT'S FROM SHIIKA
I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU, BUT
SHE WENT TO CANADA FOR OVERSEA STUDY
EH?
THE TRUTH IS
SHE WANTED TO MEET YOU BEFORE LEAVING FOR CANADA
TO APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYTHING SHE DID
BUT SHE COULDN'T FACE YOU
THIS LETTER CAME WITH THE LETTER SHE SENT TO ME
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO READ IT
YOU CAN TEAR IT DOWN

BECAUSE
SHE DID A LOT OF THINGS THAT WEREN'T RIGHT TO YOU
?
杏ちゃん 元気にしてますか?
" —— AN-CHAN
HOW ARE YOU?"

SINCE "LAST SUMMER"
"BUT I JUST CAN'T FACE YOU"
"THE TRUTH IS I SHOULD MEET YOU IN PERSON"
"I LEFT SHIMANE LIKE RUNNING AWAY"
"RIGHT NOW, I'M IN CANADA WRITING THIS LETTER TO YOU"
"YOU MIGHT THINK "WHATEVER YOU SAY IS USELESS NOW" BUT I STILL HAVE TO SAY IT"
"I REALLY REGRET THEM ALL"
"THE THINGS I DID TO YOU ARE STILL HEAVY IN MY MIND"
"I HEARD YOU'RE DATING MY BROTHER NOW"
"THE REASON OF YOU AND DAIGO-KUN'S SEPARATION"
"WAS BECAUSE OF ME"
"I'M REALLY SORRY"
"I DID UNFORGIVABLE THINGS"

"BUT I'M SORRY"
"AND I'M NOT EXPECTING YOU TO FORGIVE ME"
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN JUST SAY SORRY
"I'M SORRY"
"I WANT TO SAY "SORRY" NO MATTER WHAT"
"
——SHIIKA-CHAN"
I'm really Sorry
Shiika
Vancouver BC Canada
V5R
Shiika Tsuki

"I READ YOUR LETTER"
"I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WENT TO CANADA"
"I WAS SURPRISED"
"ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT SUMMER"
"IT PROBABLY WAS ONLY ONE OF THE REASONS WHY DAIGO AND I SEPARATED"
"BUT YOU KNOW"
"IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT"
"THE REASON WAS"
"THAT BOMB"
"MY FEEBLE"
"ALWAYS EXISTS IN MY HEART"

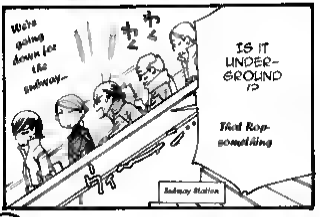
"I WAS THE ONE DECIDED TO SEPARATE WITH DAIGO"
"NO MATTER WHAT, IT WOULD STILL COME TO THAT ENDING"
IT'S NOT COLD IN CANADA, IS IT?
"WHEN YOU HAVE TIME, WRITE ME ABOUT YOUR LIFE THERE"
JAS
30
JEEZ~
I TOOK MY DAY OFF FOR THE END OF THE YEAR!
SHIT DAD YOU OVERSLEPT !!
KAEDE, YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO RUN!!
AH!

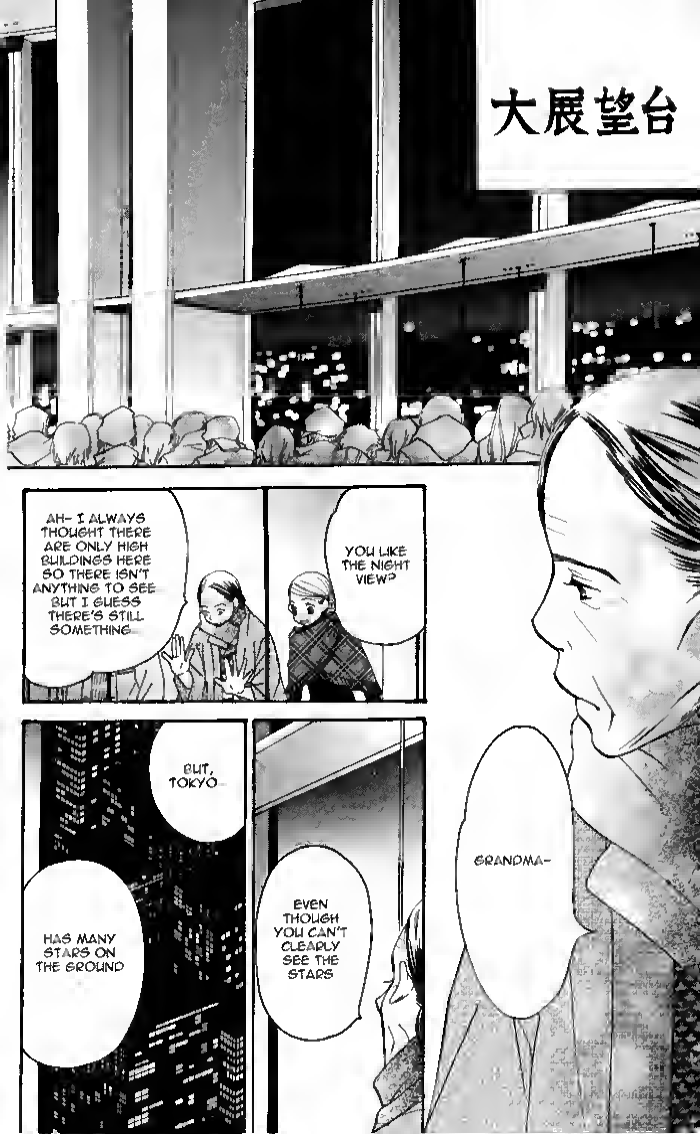
YOU'RE LATE!!
GRANDMA GRANDPA!!
I'm sorry~
STOP KNEELING DOWN THERE, IT'S NOT FUNNY AT ALL!!
条件反射
はは～～～？
PLEASE STOP IT
Because She's tired.
ピギー
YOU LOOK STUBBORN
Just like An
I TALKED TO YOU ONCE ON THE PHONE
BUT THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING RIGHT
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? DO YOU WANT TO GO HOME TO REST?
OR SHOULD WE GO SIGHT-SEEING FIRST—
The baby stamps every time I'm angry

URGH
WANT TO GO TO "ROPPONGI HILLS"

I
I have some time! Let's go Let's go!
AN, DO YOU HAVE TIME?
What about your study?
SHOULD WE GO TO KASAKINA OR KOUKYO
I wonder?

Seriously—
WHAT'S WITH THIS CITY!!
Going down then going up!!


We're going down for the subway—
IS IT UNDER-GROUND !?
That Rop-something
Subway Station

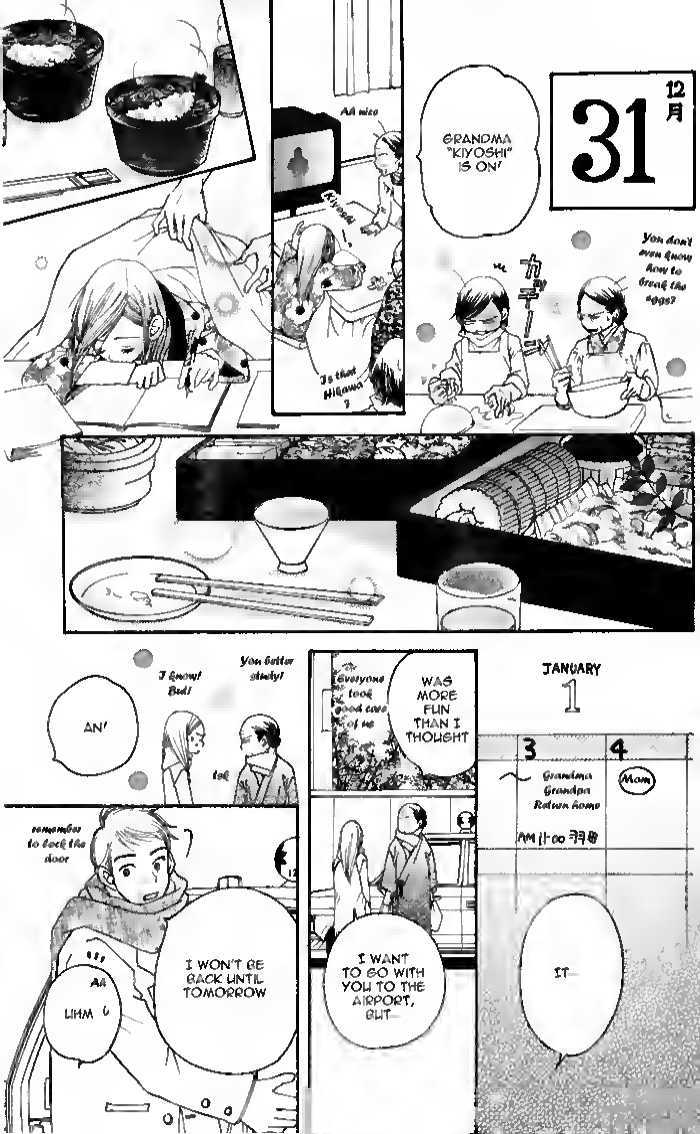

大展望台
YOU LIKE THE NIGHT VIEW?
AH- I ALWAYS THOUGHT THERE ARE ONLY HIGH BUILDINGS HERE SO THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO SEE BUT I GUESS THERE'S STILL SOMETHING...
GRANDMA-
EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T CLEARLY SEE THE STARS
BUT, TOKYO...
HAS MANY STARS ON THE GROUND

"THE STARS ON THE SKY" ARE FOR THE DEAD ONES
They're pretty but very far away
IS THAT SO
THEY SAID YOU'LL BECOME A STAR ON THE SKY WHEN YOU DIE
"THE STARS ON THE GROUND ARE THERE BECAUSE OF PEOPLE'S HARDWORK
THEY AREN'T ONLY PRETTY
BUT ALSO AS WARM AS THE BLOOD IN OUR BODY

IS THE "FEEBLE"
HEREDITARY?
GRANDMA
HM?
"LOOK"
"THE FIRST STAR"
EH?

WHENEVER MY FACE WAS GRIMACING WHILE MAKING DINNER
MIWAKO WOULD SAY THOSE WORDS
"THE FIRST STAR OF THE EVENING IS THE BRIGHTEST STAR" IT'S THE STAR OF HOPE
I THINK IT'S TAKEN FROM "MOTHER DUCK"
MIWAKO LIKED THESE WORDS VERY MUCH WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD
"THE FIRST STAR" PROBABLY WAS MOM'S FREQUENT SENTENCE
SHE CARED FOR HER PARENT
AND ALWAYS ASKED IF SHE SEES SOMEONE TIRED
The truth is she's also tired herself
SHE WAS VERY SENSITIVE TO EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANGE IN OTHERS
AND THEN WOULD BE WORRIED
AND BECAME STRESS
MAYBE
IF SHE WAS MORE CAREFREE IT WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER
YOU AREN'T LIKE MIWAKO

"YOU ARE LIKE GRANDMA", RIGHT?
YOU SAID SO BEFORE
"GRANDMA ISN'T LIKE HER"
UHM
THAT'S RIGHT...
小さな子


12月
31
GRANDMA "KIYOSHI" IS ON!
Ah nice
Kiyoshi!
Is that Hikaru?
You don't even know how to break the eggs?
カチ
カチ
JANUARY
1
3
Grandma Grandpa Return home
4
Mom
AM 11:00 羽田
IT—
I WANT TO GO WITH YOU TO THE AIRPORT, BUT—
Everyone took good care of me
WAS MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT
You better study!
I know! But!
AN'
tat
remember to lock the door
AM
I WON'T BE BACK UNTIL TOMORROW
UHM

I M SORRY
UHM
I
WANT TO TELL EVERYTHING TO YOUR MOTHER
4
TOMOR-ROW
Mom
IS MOM'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY. AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CANNOT COME BACK
IT'S ALRIGHT
Only family's meeting anyways
IF YOU'RE STILL CONFUSED THAT YOU CAN'T RETURN TO SHIMANE
THEN I'LL VISIT TOKYO AGAIN
AN
M?!!!

I'LL VISIT OFTEN TO SEE AN!
IF YOU FAIL YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM DON'T FACE ME!!
HURRY UP, GRANDMA!!
We might be late for the plane!
ブオオ〜!

Will it be fine even if we start now!?
But
I'm
LET US BORROW FUJI-KUN!!
PLEASE!!
えっ
一月八日
IT'D STILL BE USELESS IF YOU START NOW
IS THIS PORK?
No
IT'S DEER!
Center's Tests (Eng・
(Literature・
BROTHER, KEEP THIS!
I made it!

START!
ばっ
受験票
15XX
かこ
くん
Oh~ Got them odd right!
Yeah
n'
試験に出る英単語
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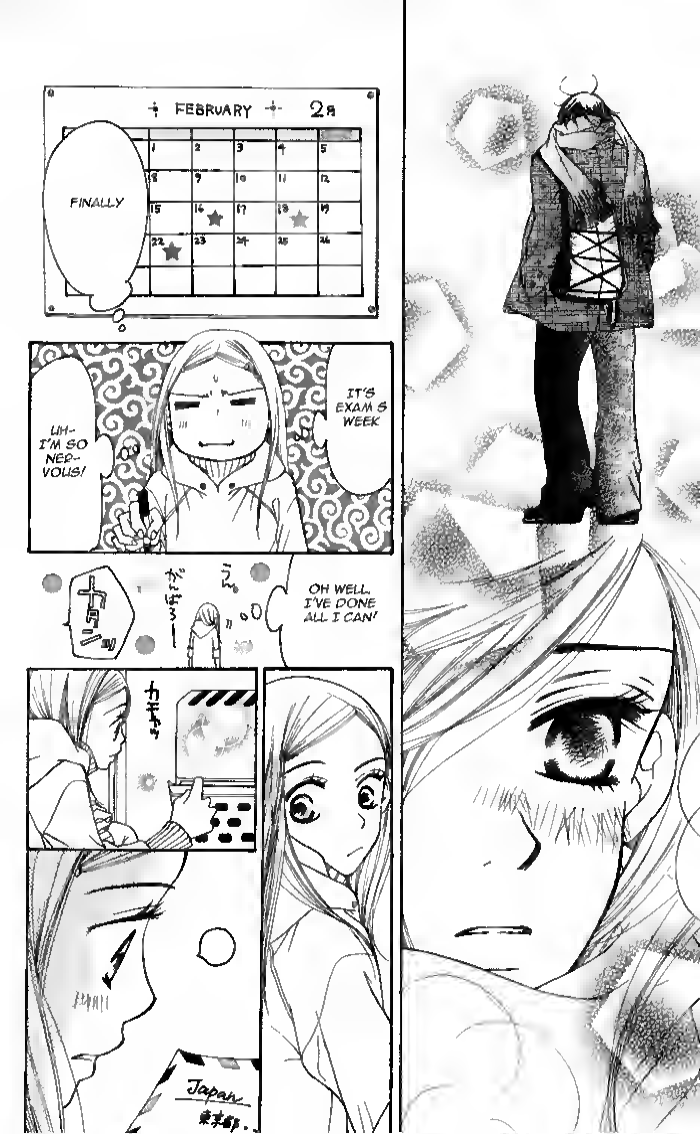
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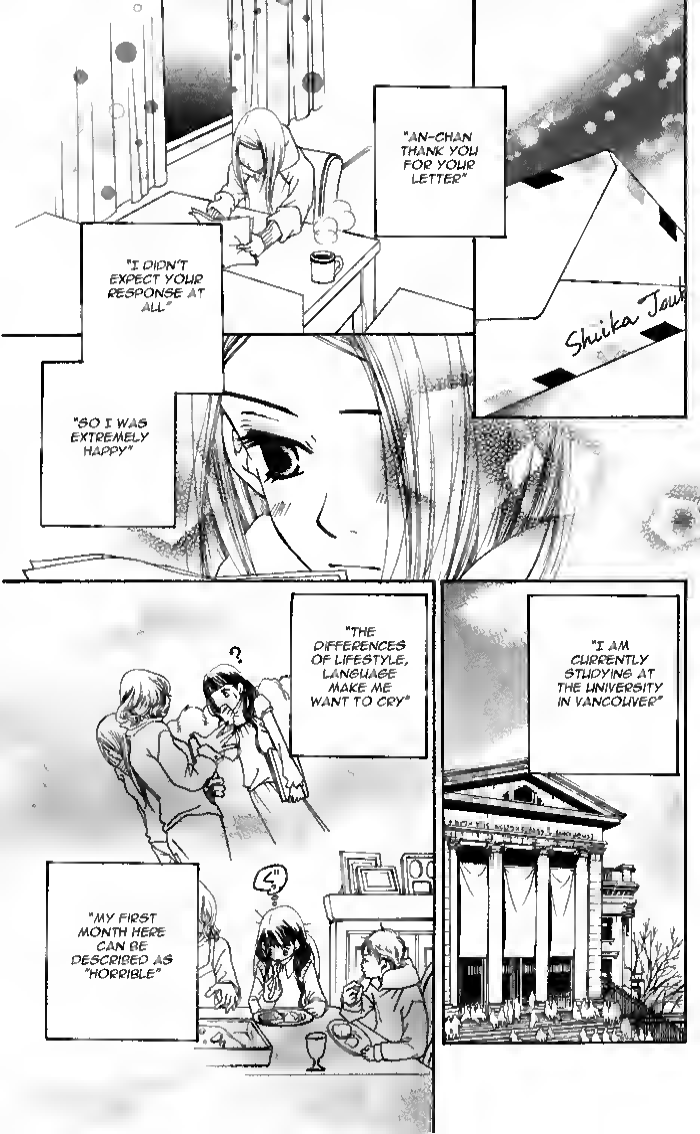
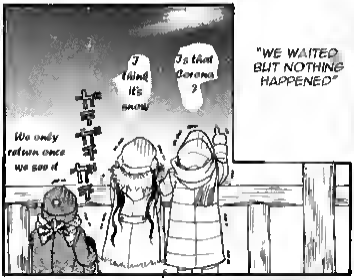
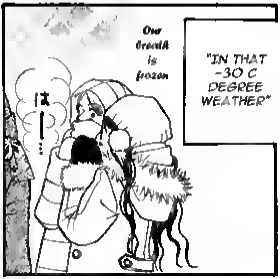
28
FINALLY
IT'S EXAM WEEK
UH- I'M SO NERVOUS!
OH WELL, I'VE DONE ALL I CAN!
Japan


"AN-CHAN THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER"
"I DIDN'T EXPECT YOUR RESPONSE AT ALL"
"SO I WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY"
"I AM CURRENTLY STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY IN VANCOUVER"
"THE DIFFERENCES OF LIFESTYLE, LANGUAGE MAKE ME WANT TO CRY"
"MY FIRST MONTH HERE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS "HORRIBLE"

"FOR 17 YEARS I LIVED IN SHIMANE. I WAS SHELTERED"
"I HAD LIVED BUT COULDN'T LEARN A SIMPLE THING THAT A 9-YEAR-OLD KID UNDERSTANDS"
えっ
"THE KID IN MY HOMESTAY SCOLED ME AS "WHY DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN OPINION?""
"ONCE AGAIN, I REALIZED MY WEAKNESS"
Uwaa!
"BUT"
"I WILL DEFINITELY BE MORE FREE AND HAPPY HERE"
"AND BE ABLE TO CHANGE BY MYSELF"
"NO ONE WOULD STAY BY MY SIDE HERE EVEN IF I CRY"

EXTREMELY COLD
There's nothing here
"I HAD A CHANCE WITH MY NEW FRIENDS"
"TO VISIT FORT MCMURRAY CITY FOR VIEWING CORONA"


I think it's snow
Is that Corona ?
We only return once we see it
"WE WAITED BUT NOTHING HAPPENED"

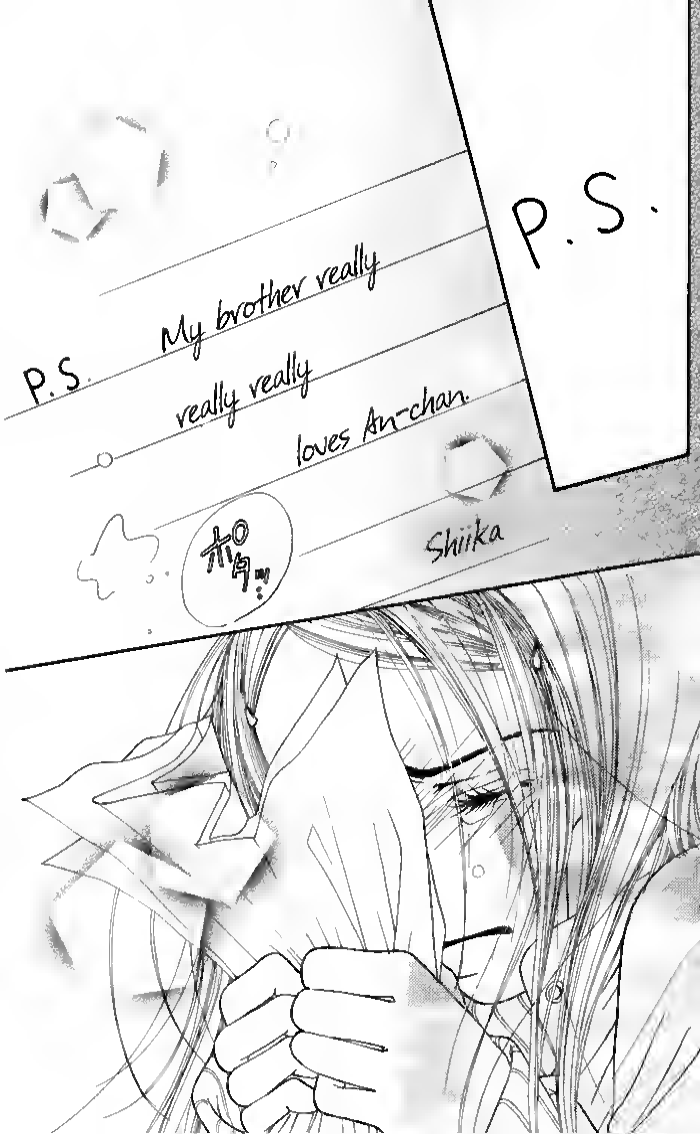

Our breath is frozen
"IN THAT -30 C DEGREE WEATHER"

SHIIKA
Come here!
"BUT"

"STANDING IN THE CENTER OF THE FROZEN LAKE"
"AND LOOKING AT THE STARS ON THE SKY"

"UNDER THAT BEAUTIFUL SCENE"
"MY TEARS JUST CAN'T STOP FLOWING"

険です。)
は、強くなりたい。
むような
人間に。
P.S
"WANT TO BE STRONGER"
ふぅ
"MY TEARS WERE SUDDENLY FREEZED. IT WAS DANGEROUS."
My eyelashes were about to fall all over
AN...CHAN
事を
P.S
強い人間に
傷付けずにすむよ
"BECOME A STRONG PERSON"
"SO THAT I WON'T HURT WHO AROUND ME."
P.S.


P.S.
P.S. My brother really really really loves An-chan.
Shiika
Ano...

"I WANT TO BE STRONGER"

受験

I PRAY THAT ALL OF US—
THEN
—WILL PASS THE EXAM!!
I'm praying for my family's health
Tomoko
AN!
Lolo go home
I still have a 2nd choice U of a public school
Id have no where to go if I fail S university
I'm begging you

THAT'S NICE- I'M STARTING TO HAVE TO STUDY FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM FROM NOW ON
I want to be free soon
UHM, I LET THE FATE DECIDES
YOU DON'T PRAY FOR ANYTHING?
even though it's stupid, but...
BESIDES I DID ALL I CAN
If it be nice If I can pass...
UNTIL NOW
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
..... FUJI-KUN

THANK YOU
EVEN IF I SAID IT HUNDRED AND THOUNDSAND TIMES. IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH

THERE'S ANOTHER GUY I LOVE EVEN MORE
BUT
AFTER ALL
THE PRAYER
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I——
MAYBE
REALLY
LOVE FUJI-KUN, I THINK.

IS STILL THE SAME EVER SINCE
I'M SORRY FOR ONLY HURTING YOU
I hope to stay by daigo's side for the rest of my life
An
...I AM ALRIGHT
I WAS THE ONE RESCUED ...
...FOR MANY TIMES
...BY AN...
...I

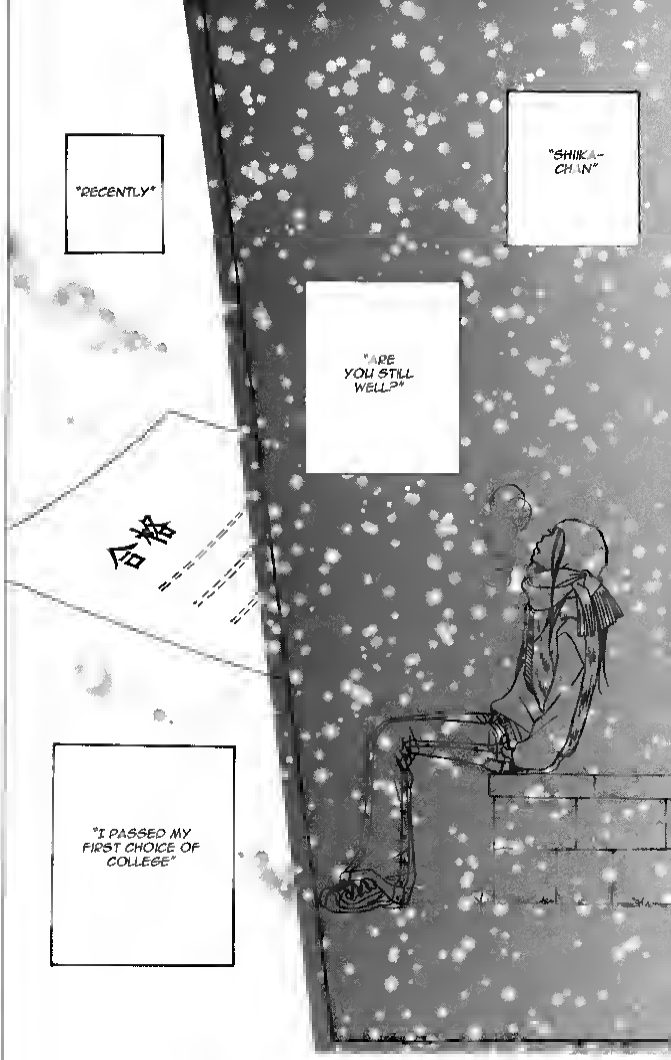
HE
THOSE WORDS SHOULD BE MINE
I MEAN DAIGO
HE'S DATING SOMEONE ELSE
I KNOW
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THERE S
NOTHING I CAN DO
YOU'RE STUPID!
Stupid
UHM
that's right
AN
STILL THE SAME AS EVER!

THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMEONE

EVERY-DAY
I PASS THROUGH SO MANY PEOPLE, BUT...
I'M SURE OF IT.
THERE ARE AS MANY PEOPLE AS THE STARS
MORE THAN DAIGO, MORE THAN ME
WILL LOVES AN
DEFINITELY

THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER HANDS AS GENTLE AS THESE HANDS
SOMEONE WHO HOLDS ME DEAR TO HIS HEART LIKE THIS
DEFINITELY
THERE WON'T BE ANOTHER
AND SOMEONE WHO'LL LOVE THAT MUCH

SO NOISY
Stupid
HEY YOU TWO
GET GOING YET?
Leave me alone!
You're cuter when you're not speaking!


"RECENTLY"
"I PASSED MY FIRST CHOICE OF COLLEGE"
合格
"SHIKA-CHAN"
"ARE YOU STILL WELL?"

"I HEARD NAKA-CHAN SAID DAIGO ALSO PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAM NICELY (SURPRISINGLY!)"
UOH.....
There it is...
"I HARDLY MEET FUJI-KUN"
"EVER SINCE THE GRADUA-TION"
"OH THAT'S RIGHT"
"MY GRANDMA IS ALWAYS ANNOYINGLY WITH THE SAYING "THERE SHOULD BE A DIFFERENCE"
"THAT'S WHY MY DAD'S WEDDING CEREMONY ONLY HAPPENED BETWEEN THE FAMILY MEMBERS"

"THE MOST MEMORABLE IMAGE WAS KAEDE-SAN'S MOTHER'S HAPPY FACE"
It's good now! An old Star!
"AND MY DAD LOOKED LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON"
"BUT I KNOW THAT ONLY ME IN THAT DAY"
"UNDERSTOOD GRANDMA'S TEARS"
"I"
"AM STILL ALONE NOW"
"SHIKA-CHAN"

(*) SHE WROTE "HITORI", IT COULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS "ALONE" OR "SINGLE", IT'S BOTH MEANINGS HERE ANYWAYS BUT IT'S HARD TO TRANSLATE SINCE IDK WHICH WAY IS BETTER

Still alone now

"THE FIRST STAR"
IS THE STAR OF HOPE
AND LONELINESS

お礼

この間　小学館漫画賞を頂いて しまいました。
正直 今の私には 重過ぎて
本当に頂いて しまっていいのかと　わわわ しっぱなしなんですが
沢山の方から「おめでとう」と 言って頂いて やっぱり とても 嬉しかったです。
読者の皆様 そして 支えて下さる方々からの 温かい気持ちを
無駄にしないように　最後まで しっかりと
この漫画も 描いていけたらと 思います。
本当に ありがとうございました。

あと いつも お手紙やメール ありがとうございます！
なかなか お返事が 返せなくて 本当に ごめんなさい。
でも 勿論全て キチンと大事に 読んでるし 沢山 力を もらってます。
連載中 連載終了後 もし時間が できたら その時
無作為に 選んだ ほんの少数の方のみに なってしまうかもしれませんが
少しずつでも お返事も 返していけたらと 思います。
（どうしても 全員の方には 無理そうです。本当に ごめんなさい。）
でも いつも 本当に本当に どうも ありがとう!!

それでは また⑦巻で ミ

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浅倉遊・16歳。お人好しな性格のため、なかなか彼氏が出来ない。そんな彼女が、学年一のスケコマシ・宮島楽にスカウトされ「恋愛相談所」のメンバーに!!

大★好★評★発★売★中★!!

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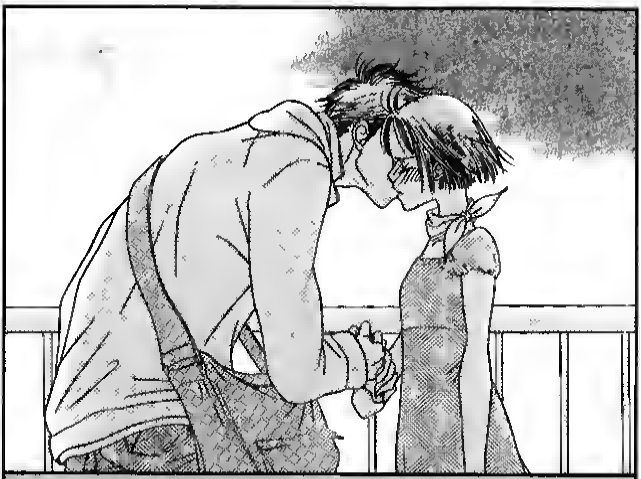

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無意味な日常に嫌気がさしていた麻子が、"ウザ男"の本郷と出会い…。青春の光と影を描く感動傑作集。

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